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Veto-Mania Has Human Cost...

Clinton's Government Shutdown Would Send 21.5 Percent of Federal Employees Home

President Clinton's administration has threatened to veto H.J. Res. 115, the second continuing resolution, and shut the government down just as he prepares to jet off to Japan for a six-day trip (November 16-22).

At the request of the House and Senate Budget Committee Chairmen, Senator Pete Domenici and Representative John Kasich, Office of Management and Budget Director Alice Rivlin reported to Congress in early October about the effect of a government shutdown. In sum, 21.5 percent of federal employees would be furloughed, sent home because the President refuses to deal in good faith with the Congressional majority on balancing the budget, providing significant tax relief to America's families, preserving, protecting, and strengthening Medicare, and ending welfare as we know it.

Summary of Potential Impact of a Shutdown

Cabinet/Agency	Total Employees	Furloughed	%Furloughed
Agriculture	121,818	24,104	19.79
Commerce	37,703	25,075	66.51
Defense			
-Civilian	829,000	258,000	31.12
-Active	1,537,000	0	0
-Reserve	952,000	162,000	17.02
Education	4,937	4,394	89.00
Energy	20,549	. 0	0
HHS	60,091	34,570	58.00
HUD	11,897	11,771	98.94
Interior	7,000	56,000	71.79
Justice	98,545	33,830	29.45
Labor	17,646	13,228	74.96
State	i		
-Domestic	7,767	6,327	81.46
-Abroad	18,859	1,759	9.33
Transportation	94,478	7,989	19.04
Treasury	150,000	137,993	92.00
Veteran's Affairs	236,814	36,364	15.36
EPA	18,402	17,716	96.27
General Srvcs.	16,700	13,254	79.37
NASA	21,347	19,774	92.63
OPM	4,542 '	2,124	46.76
SBA	5,089	2,997	58.90
Social Security	66,195	61,415	92.79
Nat'l Archives	2,463	2,431	98.70
White House	1,658	1,384	83.47
Total	4,342,500	934,499	21.51

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